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NEW RAIL-SERVED PROBABLE LAUNCH AREAS
PLESETSK ICBM COMPLEX, USSR

1. THE PLESETSK AREA WAS SUSPECTED AS BEING THE LOCATION OF AN ICBM COMPLEX THROUGH COMINT AS EARLY AS 1956, AND AS A RESULT OF [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] THE COMPLEX IS UNIQUE BY HAVING IN ONE COMPLEX 25X1
MOST OF THE KNOWN TYPES OF SOVIET ICBM LAUNCH FACILITIES. AN
ICBM FIRING TO KAMCHATKA IN OCT 63, PROBABLY WAS A TRAINING OR
SYSTEMS RELIABILITY TEST FROM AN OPERATIONAL SITE AT THE PLESETSK
COMPLEX. THIS CONSTITUTED THE FIRST KNOWN LAUNCH OF AN ICBM FROM
A POINT OTHER THAN THE TYURA TAM MISSILE TEST CENTER. TWENTY-TWO
KH MISSIONS HAVE COVERED THIS COMPLEX.
2. A CHRONOLOGY OF AREA IDENTIFICATION IS: [REDACTED] IDEN- 25X1
TIFIED THE FIRST LAUNCH AREA, AREA "A".
[REDACTED] IDENTIFIED THE FOUR LAUNCH POINTS AND LAUNCH AREA 25X1
"B". REANALYSIS OF PREVIOUS PHOTOGRAPHY REVEALED THE PRESENCE OF
THE LAUNCH POINTS AS EARLY AS DEC 60, [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] MAY/JUN 62, REVEALED A NEWLY IDENTIFIED LAUNCH AREA "C". 25X1
[REDACTED] AUG 62, REVEALED TWO NEWLY IDENTIFIED LAUNCH AREAS "D" AND 25X1
"E".

Declassification Review by NGA

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Excluded from automatic
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[] APR 64, PROVIDED THE FIRST KH-7 COVERAGE OF PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED LAUNCH AREA "B" AND "C".

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[] JUL 64, REVEALED A NEW PROBABLE LAUNCH AREA "F" IN A MID-STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION.

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3. [] JUL 64, REVEALED A RAIL LINE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AND EXTENDING TOWARD AN AREA OF NEW CONSTRUCTION EAST OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND HOUSING AREA. ALSO OBSERVED WAS ADDITIONAL GROUND SCARRING.

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4. [] AUG 64, REVEALED INCREASED GROUND SCARRING IN THE AREA EAST OF LAUNCH AREA "D" (SITE 8). ACTIVITY ALSO WAS CONTINUING EAST OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND HOUSING AREA, WITH THE RAIL SPURS MOSTLY COMPLETED TO THE AREA OF NEW CONSTRUCTION.

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5. THIS MISSION REVEALS TWO APPARENTLY IDENTICAL PROBABLE LAUNCH AREAS, DESIGNATED PROBABLE LAUNCH AREAS "G" AND "H", ARE IN AN EARLY STAGE OF CONSTRUCTION IN THE PREVIOUSLY UNIDENTIFIED AREA EAST OF LAUNCH AREA "D" (SITE 8). LAUNCH AREA "G" IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 1.8 NM ESE OF LAUNCH AREA "D" AT 62-53 N 40-52 E. LAUNCH AREA "H" IS APPROXIMATELY 3900 FT EAST OF LAUNCH AREA "G". BOTH ARE RAIL SERVED, THE RAILS BEING MIRROR IMAGES AND FORMING A WISHBONE CONFIGURATION. THE EASTERN AREA IS SEPARATELY SECURED. EACH CONSISTS OF THREE EXCAVATIONS INLINE ON A NORTH SOUTH AXES. THE CENTER EXCAVATION MEASURES 115 X 100 FT WITH FOUNDATIONS OR FOOTINGS FOR THREE BUILDINGS

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UNDER CONSTRUCTION. ON EITHER SIDE IS A RELATIVELY DEEP, NOTCHED EXCAVATION, APPROXIMATELY 180 X 70 FT. AT THE WESTERN AREA, LINEAR TRENCHING CONNECTS THE OUTER NOTCHED EXCAVATION WITH THE NORTHERNMOST AND THE SOUTHERNMOST OF THE BUILDING EXCAVATIONS. BOTH THE ROAD AND RAILROAD LEADING FROM LAUNCH AREA "D" ARE PLAINLY VISIBLE.

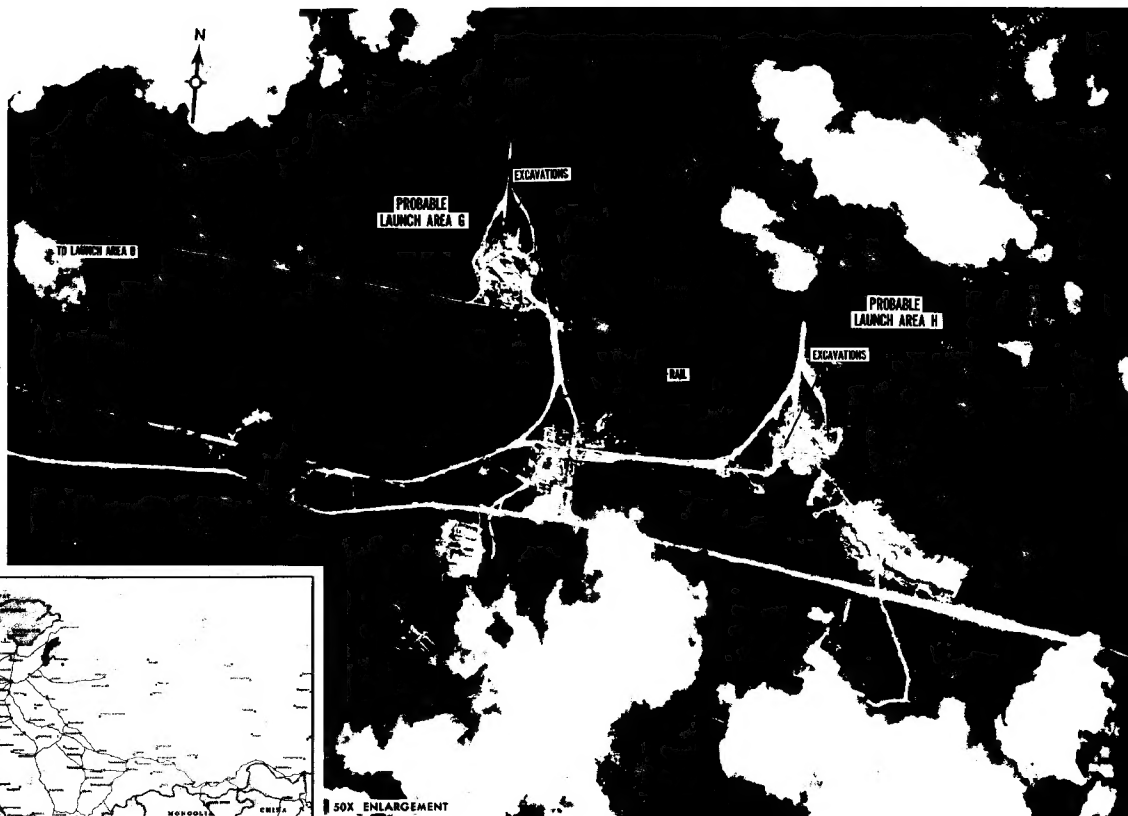
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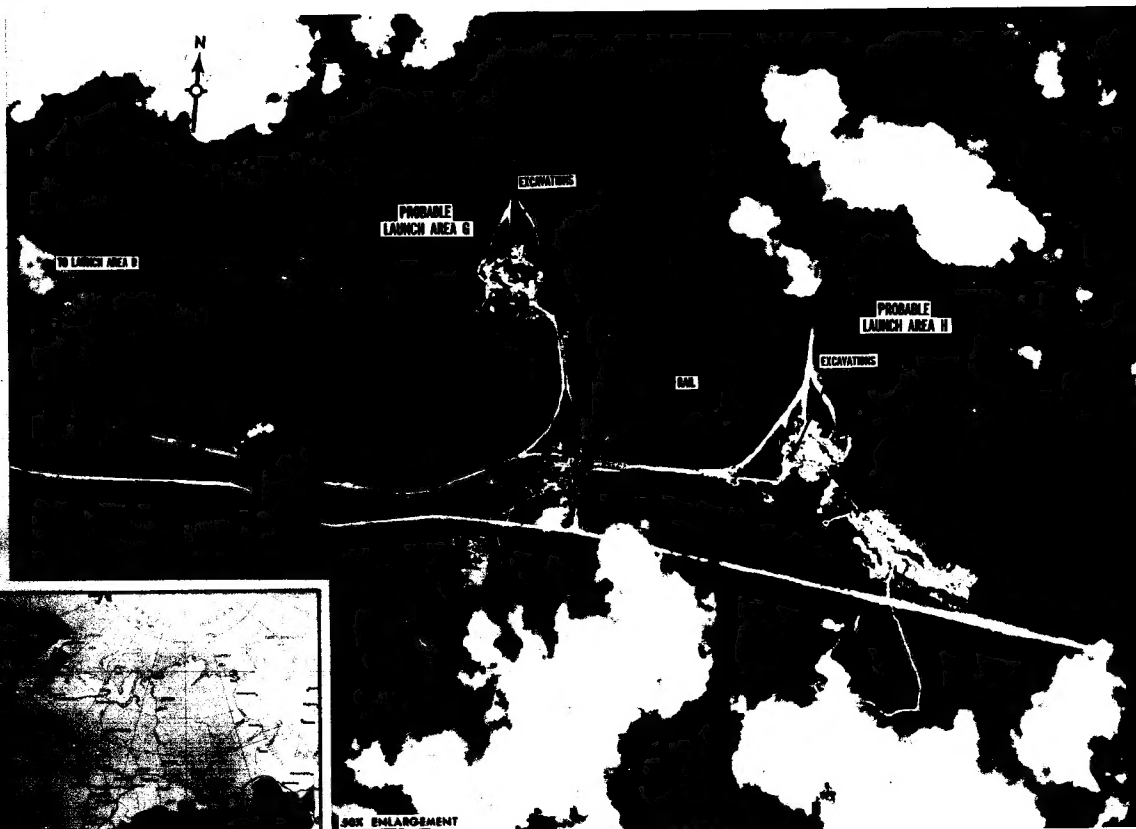
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